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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yasuo Yamao, et al.

Serial No.: 09/511,824

Filed: February 24, 2000

For: IMMUNOASSAY METHOD FOR
LYSED WHOLE BLOOD

Examiner: G. Gabel

Group Art Unit: 1641

April 23, 2001

Irvine, California 92614

SECOND RULE 116 AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In further response to the Office Action of October 24, 2001 and in accordance with the telephone conversations with the Examiner, Applicant requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice Claim 8.

1 9. (Thrice Amended) An immunoassay method of quantifying a predetermined antigen
2 in a sample of whole blood, comprising the steps of:
3 providing a sample of the whole blood;
4 adding a hemolysis reagent to the sample of the whole blood to hemolyse the
5 blood corpuscles;

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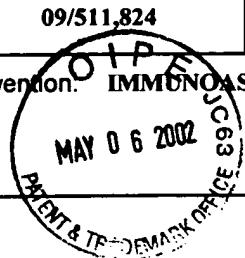
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